

March 17th Meeting Update

Special Guest: Mr. Patrick Moores

Project Coordinator

Rainbow Routes Association

The Rainbow Routes Association is in the process of developing historical walking tours throughout the City of Greater Sudbury. The official project description is on page two.

Please note the designated areas, then put your thinking cap on and bring your historical notes of interest to the “Round Table” meeting. If you have other suggested walking tours, Mr. Moores will be only too happy to take the information under advisement for future tour creations. However, for the purpose of this meeting, we do ask that you remain focused on the specified tour routes. All genealogists develop a very keen sense of history, so we believe you will have much to contribute to this project.

This will be a really fun meeting, so come on out, contribute, and enjoy.

Rainbow Routes Association
Heritage Walking Tours Project Description
February 28, 2007

2008 is an opportune year to introduce our Heritage Walking Tours in the City of Greater Sudbury. With the city celebrating its 125th anniversary there has been no better time to provide our citizens with an avenue to learn about our unique and diverse history. Increased emphasis has also been placed on highlighting Sudbury's walkability in order to integrate physical activity and active transportation into our daily lives. The Heritage Walking Tours project aims to synthesize both of these goals with the creation of walking routes throughout the city.

There are currently six walking tour routes in development: 1) Downtown; 2) John Street/Lake Ramsey; 3) Moulin a Fleur; 4) Copper Cliff (Central); 5) Copper Cliff (Little Italy); 6) Capreol. Each walking tour is comprised of 3 main components:

a) Tour Guide Maps

Each heritage route will have its own tour guide map illustrating the walking route as well as historical information about each site highlighted on the map. The tour guides will also demonstrate the distance walked and the amount of time between specific points in order to encourage the use of these routes to conduct day-to-day tasks such as commuting to work or shopping. Six distinct tour guide maps will be created (the 2 Copper Cliff routes will be shown on one map).

b) Historical Murmurs*

Signs (4 per route) posted along the walking routes will provide the walker with a phone number to call on his/her cellular phone. The walker will then hear a memory/reflection about the area by someone who experienced it in the past. These audio clips will also be available to listen to on the Rainbow Routes Association website: www.rainbowroutes.com

*This concept comes from the [murmur] organization: www.murmurtoronto.ca

c) Historical Memory Signs

Each sign will include an historical photograph and pertinent information about a site (building or neighbourhood) which no longer exists and will be placed at the location where the site once stood.